

CROWN PRINTS

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THANK YOU JEFF



The KC Board and staff send a sincere thank you to Jeff Richmond as he resigns from the Village Board. Jeff has enthusiastically served our residents for nearly six years; we appreciate his time and dedication while representing our community. Good luck, Jeff, on your next endeavor.

MASTER GARDENER EVENTS

Join us this winter for a series of **FREE gardening talks** via *Zoom*. Enjoy these informative presentations given by Caroline Feil, former Howard County Master Gardener. Registration not required.



Tuesday, Feb. 20 from 7-8pm
Flowers and Vegetables
Can Thrive in Containers

Learn about popular vegetables and flowers that can be grown separately or together, providing food and beauty in spring, summer, and fall.

Visit: <https://zoom.us/join>

Zoom Meeting ID: 896 4493 4712

Passcode: 026513



Tuesday, March 26 from 7-8pm
100 Square Foot Gardening

Learn about design ideas. Soil preparation, and succession planting for small gardening spaces.

Visit: <https://zoom.us/join>

Zoom Meeting ID: 889 9510 1177

Passcode: 911231

AMHERST HOUSE SCHEDULE

Amherst House will be closed on Saturday, February 17th and Monday, February 19th in honor of Presidents' Day.



Trash & recycling pick-up will be on a regular schedule the week of February 19th. Alpha Ridge Landfill will follow its normal schedule.



DON'T FORGET...

PHOTOS FROM OUR SANTA EVENTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP AT AMHERST HOUSE.



LADIES' NIGHT BINGO

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23
7:30PM @ AMHERST HOUSE

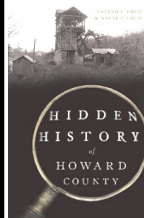
Bring your friends and join us for this adult-only evening of refreshments & BINGO with fun prizes! Tickets are \$10 per person & include 12 BINGO cards; 12 games will be played. Extra cards will be available for purchase.

Register by calling 410-381-9600 or stop by Amherst House.

*Seats are limited! Get your tickets by *February 15* for a chance to win a \$25 Corner Stable gift card.

LOCAL AUTHOR PRESENTATION

The Hidden History of Howard County
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27 @ 10:30AM
AMHERST HOUSE



Join local authors Nathan Davis and Wayne Davis and learn about Howard County's rich and fascinating past; areas covered include our own backyard neighborhoods of Guilford, Atholton, Savage and much more!

No registration is necessary.
Coffee and pastries will be served.



ELECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

Village elections are approaching and we need volunteers to serve on the Election Committee. Committee members oversee the voting process to include issuing, receiving and counting the ballots cast on election days. This year's elections will be held on Friday, April 19 from 5pm to 7pm and on Saturday, April 20 from 9am to 1pm. Are you interested in serving on the committee? Please contact Beverley Meyers at 410-381-9600.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO RUN FOR THE KC VILLAGE BOARD?

Anyone who is interested in running for a **Village Board seat (2-year term)** must complete a nomination petition. The petitions will be available on March 1 through email, on our website and at Amherst House. Petitions must be returned by 5pm on March 21. Elections will be held at Amherst House on April 19 & 20, 2024.

Questions? Call Beverley Meyers at 410-381-9600.

KINGS CONTRIVANCE ENVIRONMENTAL TOWNHALL AMHERST HOUSE MARCH 12 FROM 7-8:30PM



Do you have environmental concerns? Come meet our County Council Rep Christiana Rigby! This will be a friendly town hall between KC residents and our county representative, Christiana Rigby. KC CARES will moderate the discussion. Councilwoman Rigby will present a brief overview of the county legislative process, highlight her environmental accomplishments, and then have a friendly discussion with residents. Our aim is to discover what we can all do to help our environmental legislative goals have a chance to become county law.

LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE

Please RSVP to KCVillageCARES@gmail.com and let us know you are coming and what your primary concerns are.

A MESSAGE FROM KC CARES KC VILLAGE ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

Pondering Ponds

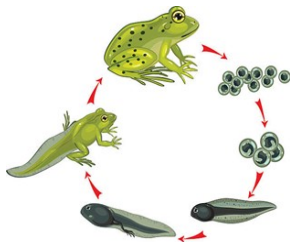
Dreaming about improvements to this year's garden? A pond the size of a cooking pot can help support wildlife: frogs, snails, salamanders, songbirds, and more. Even the smallest pond can provide shelter, drinking water, and a place to raise young. Plan your own now with flexible rubber or pre-formed plastic liners, and populate it this spring with plants native to our area (ask KCCARES about local residents happy to share plants). Once you include shallow margins or sticks that provide a way to climb in and out, your pond may be inhabited by grateful creatures in just a few days! Don't forget to drop in a mosquito dunk once a month; these dunks use naturally occurring bacteria to kill mosquito larvae, making your pond double as a mosquito trap.

Interested in learning more, or installing your own pond? Read about it here:

<https://dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/Pages/habitat/waponds.aspx>
or

contact KC CARES at KCVillageCARES@gmail.com

◇ Please remember approval is required for the installation of a pond. The Exterior Alteration Application can be found on our website, VillageofKC.org, under the Covenants tab.



PILATES CLASS @ AMHERST HOUSE



Taught by Leigh Roberts
Intermediate level. Please bring a mat.
MONDAYS 7:00-8:00PM

- ⇒ **Next session starts in March**
- ⇒ **Please call Amherst House for more information including dates and tuition rates. 410-381-9600**

WOULD YOU LIKE TO TEACH A CLASS AT AMHERST HOUSE? WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

PLEASE STOP BY AMHERST HOUSE OR
CALL US FOR MORE INFO.
(General Liability Ins. Required)



SAVE THE DATE Spring Village Events

- April 13: **Columbia Cleans Day** 10am-1pm
FREE Shredding 10am-1pm
@ Amherst House
- April 17: **Candidates' Night** 7pm
(only held if election is contested)
@ Amherst House
- April 19: **Village Elections** 5-7pm
@ Amherst House
- April 20: **Village Elections** 9am-1pm
Spring Flea Market 9am-noon
@ Amherst House

TAX TIPS

1. **File early** to avoid identity thieves who use stolen social security numbers to file tax returns.
2. **Check out your preparer.** Make sure your preparer is properly licensed by going to DLLR's website: DLLR.State.MD.US/PQ/
3. **Avoid refund anticipation loans.** Fees and interest will be deducted from your refund.
4. **Stay alert for IRS imposters.** The IRS does not call taxpayers who owe back taxes. Hang up if the caller asks for immediate payment.

FREE TAX PREP!

Low and moderate income taxpayers can obtain **free** tax prep from:

- ⇒ AARP - locations around the county. Visit **AARP.org/taxaide** for more info.
- ⇒ Making Change—a HoCo non-profit. For info, visit: **MakingChangeCenter.org** or call 443-518-7650.



CABLE BOX REPAIR

Outdoor cable boxes in your neighborhood in need of repair? Please report them to the HoCo Cable Administrator: **410-313-3318**

COVENANT CORNER

The Resident Architectural Committee meets via Zoom on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:30PM. The next meeting is February 28. Please submit applications by Tuesday, February 20 @ 10AM.

Find the Exterior Alteration application on our website: **VillageofKC.org** under the Covenants tab. Bring your completed application to Amherst House, drop it in the secure mailbox hanging on the front of Amherst House, or email to: Covenants@VillageofKC.org

RAC REVIEW JANUARY 24, 2024

APPROVED


7631 Moon Portrait Way Tree removal
8004 Cipher row Deck enclosure
9599 Sea Shadow Rain barrel,

7889 Savage Guilford Rd color change
7517 Yellow Bonnet Place Solar collectors
Fence

APPROVED WITH PROVISION

8843 Stonebrook Lane Solar collectors
7889 Savage Guilford Rd Landscaping

RAC MEMBERS NEEDED!

 The Kings Contrivance Resident Architectural Committee (RAC) meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 7:30pm (currently virtually). Committee members review applications for architectural alterations, visit the properties to help determine the suitability of the alterations, and attend the RAC meetings. One to four property visits per meeting may be required.

Interested? Please email:
Covenants@VillageofKC.org

VILLAGE BOARD

If you have concerns you would like the Village Board to address, attend a Board meeting. Board Meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:30PM. Meetings are held in-person at Amherst House.

Agendas are posted on our website and on our Facebook page the Monday before each meeting.

CA POOLS: SUMMER 2024

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Or CALL CA AQUATICS: **410-312-6332**

**All CA Team Members receive a
FREE Fit & Play membership!**



Don't forget...clear your sidewalk after snow. IT'S THE LAW!



"It is the duty and obligation of the owner of property abutting a sidewalk in a public right of way to remove snow from the sidewalk within 48 hours after the snow has fallen."

Howard County code, Section 18.402(h).

SNOW PLOW TRACKER

Check out Howard County's snow plow tracker.
howardcountymd.gov/public-works/snow-removal

Mission statement: The association represents the community of Kings Contrivance by advocating for residents, enforcing covenants, and building a sense of community.

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Facebook: Kings Contrivance Village

Free Notary Services available; please call for hours.



Amherst House Hours

Monday-Friday

10am-5pm

Saturday

10am-1pm (rental tours by appt.)

Interested in booking a social or business rental at Amherst House? Looking for space to teach a class? Call 410-381-9600 or email: Facility@VillageofKC.org.

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graffiti, sidewalks, roadways,
guardrails, parks, trees, sewers,
dead animals or water. Or visit:
HowardCountyMD.gov/tell-hoco